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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: INDIAN CHARGE'S COMMENTS ON PYONGYANG

REF: TOKYO 1757

1. AT LUNCH APRIL 11 DURING BRIEF VISIT TO PEKING,
CHARGE DEVINDER SINGH OF INDIAN EMBASSY PYONGYANG
COMMENTED ON NORTH KOREA'S "SOFTER" IMAGE IN PAST
FEW MONTHS. ACCORDING TO SINGH, ANTI-U.S. PROPAGANDA
HAS BEEN REDUCED DRASTICALLY SINCE LAST FALL, AND HE
READS THIS AS SIGN OF PYONGYANG'S GENUINE INTEREST IN
GETTING WESTERN ASSISTANCE FOR ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

2. ASKED ABOUT RESULTS OF DPRK PREMIER PAK SONG CHOL'S
JANUARY MOSCOW VISIT, SINGH SAID THAT NORTH KOREAN
REQUESTS FOR STEPPED UP SHIPMENTS OF OIL, FOR INCREASED
AID TO A PYONGYANG POWER PROJECT, AND FOR UNSPECIFIED
MILITARY SUPPLIES, WERE ALL GRANTED. TWO REQUESTS,
HOWEVER, WERE TURNED DOWN: FOR ASSISTANCE IN BUILDING
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A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, AND FOR FOUR LARGE PASSENGER AIR-
CRAFT FOR NORTH KOREA'S CIVILIAN AIRLINE.

3. COMMENT WE ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT RELIABILITY OF
SINGH'S OBSERVATIONS. HE APPEARED ALMOST ENTHUSIASTIC
AT TIMES WHEN SPEAKING OF PYONGYANG'S DESIRE FOR
COOPERATION WITH WEST, BUT SEEMED UNABLE TO SUPPLY

ANY DETAILS. HIS COMMENTS, HOWEVER, DO JIBE WITH
JAPANESE VISITOR'S IMPRESSIONS OF A "MORE FLEXIBLE"
NORTH KOREAN POLICY TOWARD U.S. (REFTEL).
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